

6. (Amended) An electronic clinical reference and education system, comprising: a) a content database containing [[medical data]] medical reference information; b) an electronic authoring tool through which [[medical data]] medical reference information is transferred into the content database; and c) a diagnostic reference system through which a user is able to search the content database for one or more diagnoses.

8. (Amended) The system of claim 6 further comprising a continuing medical education system, that is capable of tracking a user's time in reviewing the [[medical data]] medical reference information, and optionally asking one or more questions pertaining to the reviewed [[medical data]] medical reference information, tracking the user's test performance, and granting the user continuing medical education credits once the questions are successfully answered.

12. (Amended) The electronic clinical reference and education system of claim 11, wherein the electronic [[medical]] clinical reference and education system is related to a professional area of practice requiring recognition of a visual item to assist a professional in making an informed decision based on the visual item presented.